

ST. ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Atkinson

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MASS SCHEDULE . . .

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH THIS WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26

4:00 pm @ SA + Arthur "Babe" & Regina Vandersnick
by Herb & Maribeth Vandersnick

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am @ SH + Bill Haverback Family by Marv & Barb Haverback
9:30 am @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Monday, December 28

No Mass

Tuesday, December 29

No Mass

Wednesday, December 30

No Mass

Thursday, December 31- Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:30 pm @ SA - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht

Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30 am @ SH + Donald Bradley & Mary Louise Johnson by Carol Van Meenen

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm @ SA - Vera Minnaert 100th Birthday by the Family

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am @ SH - For the Parishioners by Father Engelbrecht
9:30 am @ SA + Kenny Joe Sturtewagen by Annabelle & Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

(A new Lector/EMHC list for Dec- Mar is on the bulletin board at SH for Sacred Heart Servers)

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to mass. Thank you.

5:30 pm @ St. Anthony - December 31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil

Lector: Gary Olson
EMHC: Valerie Plumley and Marshall Plumley
Altar Servers: Lauren Plumley and William Plumley
Ushers: Chad Hultman and Shane Sturtewagen

9:30 am @ Sacred Heart - January 1 Solemnity of Mary

Lector: Joan Eilers
EMHC: Renee Jackson
Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**
Ushers for the Month of January: Vern Bollengier, Rod Jackson, Jerry DeSmith

4:00pm @ St. Anthony - January 2

Lector: Dustin Specht
EMHC: Jeane Carton, Susan Mochel, David VanDeVelle
Altar Servers: Rebecca Clementz, Nicole Haverback
Ushers: Mark Boelens, Bobby Burton, Lynn Cathelyn, Ken De Smith

8:00 am @ Sacred Heart - January 3

Lector: Tara Gripp
EMHC: Sue Ann Wells
Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**
Ushers for the Month of January: Vern Bollengier, Rod Jackson, Jerry DeSmith
Collection Counters for the Month of January: Marilyn Verdick and Sue Ann Wells

9:30 am @ St. Anthony - January 3

Lector: Terence Patton
EMHC: Jean Causemaker, Toot Causemaker, Mary Kay Franks
Altar Servers: **Need Two Volunteers**
Ushers: Keith Carton, Keith Causemaker, Brett Hultman, Stephen Mapes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

+ PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS +

January 5, 6:30 pm: SA Parish Council

January 5, 7:45 pm: SA Finance Council

St. Anthony Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 27th - Choirs sings at 9:30 am
Friday, December 31st - Choir sings at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 3rd - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 10th - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 16th - Choir sings at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 24th - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 31st - Choir sings at 9:30 a.m.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. Anthony	Sacred Heart
Total Pledged: \$30,313.40	Total Pledged: \$12,420.00
Balance: \$4,861.60	Balance: \$2,734.00
Percentage: 86%	Percentage: 81%
Families: 118	Families: 71

Sharing in the Work of Christ through sacrificial giving

St. Anthony Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$2,553.85	\$63,846.25
Income:	\$ 2,403.00	\$59,552.83
Difference (+ or-):	-\$150.85	-\$4,293.42

Sacred Heart Parish Support

Sunday Collection	Weekly	Year to Date (25 weeks)
Amount Needed:	\$1,307.00	\$32,675.00
Income:	\$833.00	\$30,579.73
Difference (+ or-):	-\$474.00	-\$2,095.27

Improvement Fund: \$4,100.00

Sunday Memo FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I trust all of you had a very Blessed Christmas. Don't forget we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days ('til New Years Day), then comes Epiphany. So there is plenty of Christmas cheer to expand these days. This is because the Church realizes that when celebrating a mystery such as the Incarnation we need to take time to "soak in" its meaning.

Part of Incarnation is that God became part of a family—the Holy Family which we celebrate this Sunday. So I extend to all of our families wishes for God's blessings for this upcoming year.

I am so thankful to those who have sent me Christmas cards and gifts, as we remember the greatest gift ever received— Christ the Lord. All God's blessings to you and yours in this New Year!

- Father Engelbrecht

January 1, the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** is a holy day of obligation. Masses are December 31st at 5:30 PM at St. Anthony and January 1st at 9:30 AM at

Sacred Heart. On this octave (8th) day of Christmas, we celebrate the Virgin Mary for her important role in Salvation in bringing for the Saviour.

A very appreciative **Thank You** to those who cleaned the church and decorated for Christmas. Both churches are beautiful and it set the mood for a lovely celebration of our Lord's Nativity and the Christmas Season.

Thank you to the musicians— On behalf of the parishioners a big word of thanks for those who lent their voices and who played their instruments so beautifully for Christmas. All your efforts at the service of the Sacred Liturgy is a wonderful testimony. St. Augustine says "He who sings prays twice," so you must be "prayed up," "Rejoice and be glad your reward will be in heaven." Many thanks!

- Father Engelbrecht

Please note that **incense** will be used on Sundays during the Christmas Season. Incense was used in the worship of God

2,000 years ago and is employed in the Church's Sacred Liturgy today. The sweet smelling incense rising up to heaven reminds us of our prayers rising up to God. At Christmas we celebrate our God who so loved us that he sent his only Son down to us. This perfectly represents what happens at Mass—God comes to us and we are taken up to God. There might be some that would prefer to avoid Masses with incense, so I inform you presently.

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help your parish. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain minimum amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to Sacred Heart or St. Anthony during 2015 and have it distributed to help your parish. Please call your tax consultant or call Bill Engelbrecht at the Diocesan Office of Development at 309-671-1550 ext 7093.

2016 Circle List

The St. Anthony Circle Committee has completed the 2016 Circle List. Every family is a member of a Circle. The Parish is organized into four Circles and each Circle serves for a consecutive three-month period. Christian service of the Circle includes cleaning of the Sacred Spaces used for worship, service to the grieving at funeral luncheons and contributions to the work of building God's kingdom through fundraising successes. The Circle chairmen are picked by the committee. 2016 Chairmen are:

Circle One: Ken & Lynette De Smith, Justin & Heidi Frank, Maryclair Gustafson, Thomas & Ann Heller

Circle Two: Carol Clementz, Vicki Hultman, Chad & Megan Johnson, Susan Mochel, Kip & Trudy Sleaford

Circle Three: Mitch & Lisa Gentry, Ted & Heidi Hamer, Mary Ann Hays-Ross, Sandra Roman

Circle Four: Tim & Deean Anderson, Robert & Tina Floming, Martin & Cindy McNeil, Jack & Carol Minnaert, Ellen Nelson

Prayer to Blessed Virgin Mary

God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Please remember these members of our community who are *sometimes* unable to attend Mass with us on Sunday and those in nursing homes:

Connie Altman, Lucille Buysee, Dave Colgan, Aaron Crosby, Mary Lou DeCausemaker, Dick DeDecker, Joe DeGeeter, Katelyn DeRycke, Evelyn DeSplinter, Reuben DeSmith, Mary Dobbels, Annie Eastman, Mary Frank, Mary Ellen Hoogerwerf, Kris Kirkhove, Dean Lewis, Jack Marchand, Barry Miller, Vera Minnaert, Sue Saigh, Gia Samuels, Susan Stontz, Alice Van Kerrebroeck, Joann Vandemore

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 pm at St. Anthony
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart or by appointment with priest.

Area Parishes

St. Malachy (Geneseo)
Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 am
St. John Paul II (Kewanee)
Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am;
1pm Spanish

Baptism for Infants

Please call for an appointment to schedule Baptism preparation for your family.

Holy Matrimony

Please arrange an appointment with a priest at least eight months before the proposed wedding date to allow time for all necessary marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the church anytime someone is dying. If you are unable to attend Mass (hospitalized or at home) please call so Holy Communion and pastoral care can be administered.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parishes! Please call the church office to register or if you have questions about our community.

Parish Cemeteries

St. Anthony Cemetery: Contact Bill Carmichael, Jr., (309)936-7651. Sacred Heart Cemetery: Contact Ardy Clementz at (309) 935-6704

Parish Halls Rental

The halls of both parishes are available for receptions and other gatherings. Please contact the office for further details.

Bulletin Deadline

Copy must be submitted by Thursday at 9:00am to: office@stanthonysatkinson.org or mailing to PO Box 210, Atkinson, IL 61235